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SUBJ: GOLEBIEWSKI ARTICLE OF OCTOBER 20

1. BRONISLAW GOLEBIEWSKI, WRITING IN TRYBUNA LUDU, DISCUSSES THE TRADITIONAL CHARACTER TRAITS OF POLES IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "OLD AND NEW TRAITS". GOLEBIEWSKI CITES THE FOLLOWING AS POLISH TRAITS: (1) PATRIOTISM, WHICH HAS BEEN "CLEANSED" OF ACCRETIONS OF NATIONALISM BY SOCIALISM; (2) TOLERATION OF DIFFERENT WORLD VIEWS, WHICH ARE, HOWEVER, SUBSUMED BY A FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE FATHERLAND; (3) LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR THE STATE AS THE GREATEST GOOD FOR ALL CITIZENS, AND ,4) TOO MUCH INDIVIDUALISM AND TOO LITTLE SOCIAL DISCIPLINE. THE AUTHOR ALSO CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES FOR FREQUENTLY "OFFICIATING" RATHER THAN WORKING.

2. GOLEBIEWSKI, MOREOVER, INCLUDES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONABLE CONTENTIONS ABOUT HISTORICAL FACT AND PRESENT-DAY REALITIES. HIS EMPHASIS ON THE STATE AS THE HIGHEST GOOD IS NOT ONLY AN ADMISSION OF POLITICAL WEAKNESS BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF POLAND, BUT IS ALSO OPEN TO ATTACK FROM THE PHILOSOPHICAL FAR RIGHT TO THE FAR LEFT.

3. COMMENT: GOLEBIEWSKI'S ARTICLE IS A SITTING DUCK FOR RFE COMMENTARY. EACH OF HIS IDEAS AND CONTENTIONS DESERVES SEPARATE

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AND EXTENSIVE TREATMENT AND CLOSE ANALYSIS. WE BELIEVE THAT

REASONED POLEMIC, AVOIDING PERSONALITIES, DIRECTED AT GOLEBIOWSKI'S  
ARTICLE, WOULD BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WITH RFE'S POLISH  
AUDIENCE. END COMMENT.  
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